

AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Senate Bill No. 3424*

House Bill No. 3531

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by adding the following language in Section 30 of the bill as an appropriately designated subsection of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121:

() The council shall study and report on the occupational health and safety of employments in Tennessee and make recommendations for safe employment education and training and promote the development of employer-sponsored health and safety programs.

AND FURTHER AMEND in Section 33 of the bill by deleting the language "thirteen (13)" in subsection (b), subdivision (1) of amendatory Section 50-6-125 and substituting instead the language "fourteen (14)" and further amend by adding the following language as new subpart (G):

(G) One (1) member shall represent the health insurance industry.
and is further amended in amendatory subsection (c) by adding the language "the representative of the health insurance industry," immediately following the colon in the first sentence.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 46 of the bill in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 46. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2004, except for Sections 2, 25, and the deletion of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-125 subsection (e) and subsection (f) in Section 33, which shall take effect on July 1, 2005. Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 24 shall apply to accidents and injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2004. Section 14 shall apply to accidents and injuries occurring on or after

January 1, 2005. For the purpose of promulgating any rule authorized by this act, this act shall take effect on becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section to precede the effective date section:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() In case of a dispute as to the injury, other than disputes as to the degree of medical impairment, the court may, at the instance of either party, or on its own motion, appoint a neutral physician of good standing and ability to make an examination of the injured person and report such physician's findings to the court, the expense of which examination shall be borne equally by the parties.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-405(c)(1), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

With the permission of a trade or professional association board of directors, ten (10) or more employers of the same group may enter into agreements to pool their liabilities under this chapter for the purpose of qualifying as self-insurers. Such pool and agreement shall only continue as long as the sponsoring association's board of directors deems that such pool is operating in compliance with the sponsoring association's constitution, bylaws and procedures and applicable state statutes and regulations.